

# Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exam Checklist

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<b>Vessel Name:</b>	<b>Number:</b>	
<b>BRIDGE &amp; DOCUMENTS</b>		
33 CFR 173 46 CFR 67	<b>Registration/Documents/Markings:</b> Certificate of documentation on board & valid. Name on both sides, forward part of hull, name & hailing port on stern, ≥ 4" letters, contrasting color. Official number permanently marked on main beam.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.165	<b>Injury Placard:</b> Required on all vessels.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 155.450	<b>Oil Pollution Placard:</b> Required on all vessels ≥ 26'.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 151.59	<b>MARPOL (Garbage) Placard:</b> Required on all vessels ≥ 26'.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	<b>Navigation Lights:</b> During darkness and/or in or near areas of restricted visibility Side Lights (112.5°), all around white light (if <12m or 39.4') or Mast Head Light (225°) & Stern Light (135°). <b>Fishing Lights:</b> In a vertical line, one meter apart. Red over White (360°) all other than trawling; Green over White (360°) when trawling.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	<b>Dayshapes:</b> Two black cones, apex to apex (not required on trollers).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	<b>Sound Producing Devices:</b> Vessels < 12m: Some means of making an efficient sound signal. Vessels ≥ 12m: Whistle audible for ½ mile & 7.9" bell.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.210	<b>First Aid/CPR:</b> Requires first aid & CPR trained & certified persons on board (POB) as follows: > 3 POB, one each; >17 POB, two each; one POB holding both certifications is acceptable. Requires "suitable" first aid kit & first aid manual.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.225	<b>Navigation Publications:</b> Requires corrected marine charts of operating area, U. S. Coast Pilot, Coast Guard Light List, Tide & Tidal Current Tables & (if > 12m or 39.5') a copy of Inland Navigation Rules.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.230	<b>Magnetic Compass/Compass Deviation Table:</b> Requires operable magnetic compass at operating station & a current compass deviation table.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.245 47 CFR 80 33 CFR 26.03 46 CFR 28.375	<b>Communication Equipment:</b> Requires a VHF-FM radiotelephone (156 – 162 MHz) & single side band radio(s) (when 20 - 100 miles, 2 - 4 MHz frequency band) at the operating station, all capable of operating three hours off an emergency power supply.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
47 CFR 80.405	<b>FCC Ship Radio Station License:</b> If operating beyond the Boundary Line, all documented vessels required to carry radio transmitting equipment are required to have on board a current FCC Ship Radio Station License.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.240	<b>General Alarm System:</b> If there is an accommodation or workspace not adjacent to the operating station, requires an audible general alarm system with contact maker at the operating station; flashing red light in workspaces where the audible alarm is hard to hear (engine room), & red-letter warning signs "Attention General Alarm – When Alarm Sounds, Go To Your Station" at each bell or light. Public address system may be used if it meets criteria. Test prior to operating vessel & weekly afterwards.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.250	<b>High Water Alarms:</b> If ≥ 36', requires a visible & audible alarm at operating station to indicate high water in normally unmanned or non-watertight spaces (engine room, lazarette, fish hold, etc.).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.265	<b>Emergency Instructions:</b> Requires written Emergency Instructions. Must be posted if ≥ 4 POB, kept available if < 4 POB.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.270	<b>Instructions, Drills, &amp; Safety Orientation:</b> Requires master or individual-in-charge ensure monthly drills & instructions given to each person on board by a trained drill conductor. There are ten Required Drills & Instructions. Before operating vessel, persons on board who have not had drills & instruction must receive a safety orientation.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.235	<b>anchors &amp; Radar Reflectors:</b> Requires radar reflector if vessels lacks strong radar signature (usually fiberglass hull vessels). Requires adequate anchor & sufficient line/cable for operating area.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A

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<i><b>LIFESAVING</b></i>		
46 CFR 28.145 46 CFR 28.140	<b>Visual Distress Signals:</b> 3 hand-held rocket-propelled parachute red flares plus six hand red flares plus three floating orange smoke distress signals.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.110 46 CFR 28.135 46 CFR 28.140	<b>Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):</b> Requires one immersion suit for each person on board. Immersion suit needs PFD light; PFD marked w/name of vessel/wearer & retroreflective tape (31 sq. in.) front & back, properly maintained & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.115 46 CFR 28.135	<b>Ring Life Buoys:</b> One 24" ring life buoy marked w/vessel name/number, four strips of retroreflective tape, 60' of floating line & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.120 46 CFR 28.125 46 CFR 28.130 46 CFR 28.140	<b>Survival Craft:</b> Inflatable liferaft w/Coastal Service equipment pack required for warm water operations, may be stowed to float free or kept readily accessible. Inflatable liferaft w/SOLAS "B" equipment pack required for cold water operations, must be stowed to float free & automatically inflate.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
<i><b>ENGINE ROOM/MISCELLANEOUS</b></i>		
46 CFR 28.155 46 CFR 28.160 46 CFR 25.30	<b>Portable Fire Extinguishing Equipment:</b> Two B-I or one B-II fire extinguisher on board. Must be USCG, UL or FM approved; mounted in approved bracket; in good condition; must have pressure gauge or inspection record.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.35	<b>Flame Arrestor:</b> If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.40	<b>Ventilation:</b> If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 159.7	<b>Marine Sanitation Device:</b> Type I, II or III; required only if there is an installed toilet on board; Type III must be fitted with a positive means (padlock/wire tie) of securing overboard discharge valve when vessel is not > 3 miles from shore.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.215	<b>Guards for Exposed Hazards:</b> Requires suitable hand covers, guards, or railings in way of machinery (gearing, chain or belt drives, rotating shafts, etc.) that may injure personnel. Not to restrict access to fishing gear.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.255	<b>Bilge Pump, Piping &amp; Dewatering Systems:</b> Requires bilge pumps & piping capable of dewatering any watertight space.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A

To schedule a "no fault, no penalty" voluntary dockside examination, please contact one of these fishing vessel safety professionals:

In Maryland, call:

In Virginia, call:

In southern New Jersey, call:

In North Carolina, call

the Baltimore, MD Examiner at (410) 576-2634

the Norfolk, VA Examiner at (757) 668-5533

the Philadelphia, PA Examiner at (215) 271-4989

the Atlantic Beach, NC Examiner at (252) 247-4562